(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism, Government of India has written to all the State Governments / Union Territories to involve the private sector and overseas investors for improvement of tourism infrastructural facilities including manpower development centres in the country.

(c) and (d) As far as foreign investment is concerned the following 3 Memoranda of Understanding have been signed by Karnataka State with Singapore based companies for tourism related projects:—

(i) MOU with Chesterfield International Private Ltd. Singapore for the establishment of International Convention Centre Complex.

(ii) MOU with REDEVCO Pvt. Ltd., Singapore for the establishment of Limousine and Coach Service Company.

(iii) MOU with Chasterfieled International Private Ltd., Singapore for building up of five Four Star Hotels in Bangalore, Mysore, Hassan, Shimoga and Hampi. The Govt, has also approved 97 proposals of foreign investment amounting to Rs. 787 crores under its liberalised policies.

(e) and (f) The Department of Tourism, Govt, of India has released a brochure titled "Investment Opportunities in Tourism" containing the general guidelines and policies of Govt, of India like incentives, concessional customs duty, foreign collaboration, etc. for encouraging private investment in the tourism sector.

(g) and (h) The Department of Tourism, Government of India has already advised. State Governments/ Union Territories regarding the incentives available for encouraging private sector involvement for the development of tourism and a number of States have announced their tourism and investment {dans.

Programmes for Private Air Carriers in the Country

2171. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Airports Authority has evolved programmes for private air carriers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private airlines have inducted more planes in its fleet;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the modernisation of air traffic services has been taken up by Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A statement indicating number of aircraft operated by private airlines and permission given to them for import of additional aircraft is attached as a statement, [*see* below).

(e) and (0 Yes, Sir. At Bombay and Delhi, modern radars, navigational aids and Air traffic Control Automation Systems are being introduced. Modern radars are being provided at Trivandrum, Hyderabad, Guwahati and Ahmedabad.

STATEMENT

Aircraft operated by Scheduled Private operators

	Name of Airline	Aircraft Type & No.	
1.	M/s East West Travel & Trade Links Ltd.	B-737-200 F-27-500	7 3
2.	M/s Jet Airways Pvt. Ltd.	B-7.17-300 B-737-400	4 2
3.	M/s Damania Airways Ltd.	B-737-200 B-737-200	4 1*
4	M/s Modi Luft Ltd.	B-737-200	4
5.	M/sNEPC Micon Ltd.	F-27-500 Beechking C-90	5 1
6.	M/s Archana Airways	L-410 Dash-8 Dash-g	3 1 3*

*NOC for Import Granted.

Proposal to take over Surat Airport by NAA

2172. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: